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Office Action Summary	Application No. 09/663,111	Applicant(s) DAVIDSON ET AL.	
	Examiner Paul B. Prebilic	Art Unit 3774	

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Period for Reply

A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE 3 MONTH(S) OR THIRTY (30) DAYS, WHICHEVER IS LONGER, FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.

- Extensions of time may be available under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a). In no event, however, may a reply be timely filed after SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
- If NO period for reply is specified above, the maximum statutory period will apply and will expire SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
- Failure to reply within the set or extended period for reply will, by statute, cause the application to become ABANDONED (35 U.S.C. § 133). Any reply received by the Office later than three months after the mailing date of this communication, even if timely filed, may reduce any earned patent term adjustment. See 37 CFR 1.704(b).

Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 05 August 2008.
- 2a) ☒ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☐ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1,7,8,11-19,42-48,50-52,54-70 and 72-74 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1,7,8,11-19,42-48,50-52,54-70 and 72-74 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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| 1) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) | 4) <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413) |
| 2) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) | Paper No(s)/Mail Date. _____ |
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Claim Objections

Claims 1, 7, and 51 are objected to because of the following informalities:

Regarding claim 1, on line 22, the language "arranged aligned" is grammatically awkward; the Examiner suggests changing this language to ---arranged to be aligned--- in order to overcome this objection.

Regarding claims 7 and 51, "the side member comprises a flexible side sheath" is confusing since the side member has had various features associated with it from base claim 1. For this reason, the Examiner suggests changing the language to ---the side member is flexible--- in order to overcome this objection. Appropriate correction is required.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

Claims 1, 7, 8, 10, 12, 13, 15-19, 42-48, 50-52, 55, 56, 59-70, and 72-74 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Wilson et al (US 6,165,195) in view of Ryan et al (US 6,576,009) or Shaknovich (US 5,669,924) or Goicoechea et al (US 5,609,627). Wilson meets the claim language where **(a)** the catheter as claimed is catheter (50) of Wilson (see Figure 12L and column 16, line 35 et seq.), **(b)** the side member as claimed is lumen (55A), **(c)** the free end as claimed is the angled portion (55B), **(d)** the indicator as claimed is marker(s) (see column 17, line 64 to

column 18, line 14), and **(e)** the side hole as claimed is aperture (25). Wilson places radiopaque markers on various elements but not multiple markers on each element as claimed. However, Ryan (see Figure 7 to 8B and column 11, line 34 et seq.) or Shaknovich (see column 12, lines 42-47) or Goicoechea (see Figure 4a and column 10, lines 53-64) teaches that it was known to put multiple markers on the same element in order to determine orientation thereof. Therefore, it is the Examiner's position that it would have been *prima facie* obvious to an ordinary artisan to put more than one marker on each element of Wilson for the same reasons that the secondary references did the same.

With regard to claim 8, the Applicant is directed to Figures 14 to 19F and the corresponding descriptions thereof.

Claims 11, 54, and 58 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Wilson, Ryan, Shaknovich, and Goicoechea as applied to claim 1 above, and further in view of Dibie (WO 96/34580). Wilson fails to disclose a balloon on the end of the lumen (55B) as required by the claim language. However, Dibie (see the front page thereof) teaches that it was known to put balloons on the ends of similar side members in order to expand side stents. Therefore, it is the Examiner's position that it would have been obvious to do the same to the Wilson device in order to apply a side stent in one step or for the reasons that Dibie does the same.

Claims 14 and 57 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Wilson, Ryan, Shaknovich, and Goicoechea as applied to claim 1 above, and further in view of Davila et al (US 5,851,464). Wilson fails to disclose the use of pebax

and graphite in the catheters. However, Davila teaches that it was known to make catheters out of pebax and graphite; see column 3, lines 8-32. Therefore, it is the Examiner's position that it would have been *prima facie* obvious to make the catheter of Wilson out of pebax and graphite for the same reasons that Davila did the same or in order to promote sliding between the catheter and guidewire.

Response to Arguments

Applicant's arguments filed August 5, 2008 have been fully considered but they are not persuasive.

On pages 14-18 of the response, the Applicant argues that it would not have been obvious to arrange the markers as claimed. However, the mere duplication of parts or the mere rearrangement of parts is not patentable; see MPEP 2144.04 IV that is incorporated herein by reference.

Conclusion

THIS ACTION IS MADE FINAL. Applicant is reminded of the extension of time policy as set forth in 37 CFR 1.136(a).

A shortened statutory period for reply to this final action is set to expire THREE MONTHS from the mailing date of this action. In the event a first reply is filed within TWO MONTHS of the mailing date of this final action and the advisory action is not mailed until after the end of the THREE-MONTH shortened statutory period, then the shortened statutory period will expire on the date the advisory action is mailed, and any extension fee pursuant to 37 CFR 1.136(a) will be calculated from the mailing date of

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the advisory action. In no event, however, will the statutory period for reply expire later than SIX MONTHS from the mailing date of this final action.

Applicant should specifically point out the support for any amendments made to the disclosure, including the claims (MPEP 714.02 and 2163.06). Due to the procedure outlined in MPEP 2163.06 for interpreting claims, it is noted that other art may be applicable under 35 USC 102 or 35 USC 103(a) once the aforementioned issue(s) is/are addressed.

Applicant is respectfully requested to provide a list of all copending applications that set forth similar subject matter to the present claims. A copy of such copending claims is respectfully requested in response to this Office action if the application is not stored in image format (i.e. the IFW system) or published.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Examiner Paul B. Prebilic whose telephone number is (571) 272-4758. He can normally be reached on 6:30-5:00 M-Th.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, David Isabella can be reached on 571-272-4749. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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